

REMARKS:

Claims 1-5 are pending in the application. In the Office Action dated March 31, 2006, the Examiner:


- rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite,
- rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chenoweth or Douglas,
- rejected claims 1, 3, and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Quinting in view of Gaudet, Hugh, and Spencer,
- rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Quinting in view of Gaudet and Hugh, and
- objected to claim 2 as depending upon a rejected base claim, but containing allowable subject matter.

In this amendment, the specification, abstract, and claim 1 have been amended to clarify that there is a single fuel through-hole, as shown in the FIGs. (see especially FIG. 3). Claims 1 and 5 have been amended to overcome the 112 rejections and to include the subject matter of claim 2. Claim 2 has been canceled. No new matter was added.

The 102 and 103 rejections are rendered moot by the incorporation of the subject matter of allowable claim 2 into independent claims 1 and 5. Claims 3 and 4 depend directly from claim 1.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Authorization is granted to charge any outstanding fees due at this time for the continued prosecution of this matter to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (matter no. 060945-0163).

 Respectfully submitted,

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